

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1312 - SB 1451

March 13, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004942): Authorizes an international medical school graduate who has completed a post-graduate training program or otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three of the last five years to be issued a temporary license in this state. Requires the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) to grant a temporary license to practice medicine to an international medical graduate who meets the established qualifications. Establishes that a temporary licensee may only provide medical services at a healthcare provider that has in place a post-graduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Requires a temporary licensee who is in good standing two years after initial licensure to be granted a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine.

Takes effect July 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that the Department of Health and the BME can issue temporary licenses and adopt any necessary rules within existing personnel and resources.
- The BME currently has a process to issue temporary licenses of limited duration to international medical school graduates.
- There is not estimated to be a significant increase in applications from international medical school graduates as a result of the proposed legislation; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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